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REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the office action dated July 27, 2004. Claims 1-33 were pending in the application and were subject to a restriction/election requirement.

I. **REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION**

The Examiner stated that the present application included claims that were directed to two distinct inventions and therefore the claims directed to only one invention must be elected. The Examiner identified a Group I invention embodied in Claims 1-24 drawn to an apparatus and a Group II invention embodied in Claims 25-33 drawn to a process. Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, examination of the claims directed toward the apparatus of the present application as embodied in Claims 1-24. By way of this Amendment and Response, Applicant has canceled Claims 25-33 as they are directed toward a non-elected invention. Cancellation of these claims does not require an amendment to the inventorship of this Application.

II. **CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, claims 1-24 are believed to be in condition for examination.

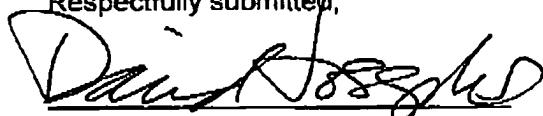
Corresponding action is respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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